REMARKS

This application represents entry into the U.S. national phase of International Application Serial No. PCT/EP97/05070 under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. The original thirteen claims are deleted, and new claims 14 through 31 have been added to conform with United States claiming convention and to clearly set forth the claimed invention. Care has been taken so that no new matter has been introduced into the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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